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1. DISCUSSED WITH ACTING NAVAL ZONE COMMANDER THE POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT OF AMERICAN CONSUL ABOARD GALAPAGOS CRUISE VESSEL " CALICUCHIMA". HE WILL DESIGNATE AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE REPORTED PLOT IN HOPES IDENTIFYING STUDENT PLOTTERS, POSSIBLY TO FIND THEM AND TAKE THEM INTO CUSTODY BEFORE ATTEMPT COULD BE MADE. HE WILL COORDINATE ACTIONS WITH POLICE.

2. HE IS ATTEMPTING COMMUNICATE THIS AFTERNOON WITH CAPTAIN OF THE VESSEL EITHER BY VOICE AT SAN CRISTOBAL OR CW WHILE UNDER WAY TO INFORM HIM OF THREAT. WILL ALSO PASS MESSAGE TO CONSUL BRYFOGLE FROM ME TELLING HIM TO COOPERATE WITH THE CAPTAIN ON ANY MEASURES TAKEN.

3. NAVAL ZONE WILL HAVE NAVAL OFFICIALS BOARD THE VESSEL AS IT NEARS GULF OF GUAYAS UPON RETURN AND WILL COORDINATE WITH THE POLICE ON SECURITY MEASURES UPON DOCKING AT THE MERCHANT MARINE WHARF IN GUAYAS RIVER IN GUAYAQUIL.

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4. "CALICUCHIMA" IS NAVAL VESSEL BUT IS OPERATED BY CIVILIAN CREW.
IT IS UNDER CHARTER TO ORGANIZATION CALLED "TRANSNAVE" UNDER
MANAGEMENT OF RETIRED NAVAL OFFICER.

5. UNABLE AS YET MEET WITH GOVERNOR OR POLICE CHIEF. WILL ALSO
DISCUSS "TAME" THREAT WITH AIR ZONE COMMANDER.
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